



Weekly Regional Bulletin

COVID-19 and Flu Vaccinations

1st August 2025

Dear Colleagues

Please see below for key information and actions relating to COVID-19 and Flu Vaccinations.

If you have any questions, please contact england.london-covid19voc@nhs.net

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1. Publication of the 2025/26 seasonal flu vaccination service specifications for general practice and community pharmacy – FOR INFORMATION

On behalf of Hannah Hiscock, Senior Policy and Contracting Manager.

We have now published the following service specifications for the 2025/26 seasonal influenza vaccination campaign:

- [GP Enhanced Service specification \(adults & at-risk\)](#)
- [GP Enhanced Service specification \(childhood\)](#)
- [Flu Collaboration Agreement](#)
- [GP additional guidance on recording flu vaccination events, payments and collaboration](#)
- [Community pharmacy Advanced Service specification](#)

Only minor updates have been made from last year's versions and payment arrangements remain the same.

For further information about this year's flu programme, please see the annual [Flu Letter](#).

2. Launch of community pharmacy flu vaccination service for 2- and 3-year-olds – FOR INFORMATION

To help improve flu vaccination uptake for children, we are launching a new flu vaccination service for 2- and 3-year-olds in community pharmacy from 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026.

This service is intended to supplement the GP offer, providing additional opportunities for children who may not otherwise choose to take up the offer in general practice and to help reduce inequalities.

General practice will deliver flu vaccinations to 2- and 3-year-olds from September as per the usual arrangements, with the new community pharmacy service starting from 1 October 2025. It will be commissioned as an advanced service for one year initially, pending the outcomes of an evaluation.

[An amendment to the annual flu letter](#) has been published, and the service specification is available on [NHS England's website](#) which includes the full details of the service, including the requirements for service provision, supply and ordering arrangements, and training requirements.

The key details of the service that pharmacy contractors should note are:

- The recommended first line vaccine for this age cohort is the live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV), which is a nasal spray and will be centrally supplied by NHS England free of charge.
- There are vaccine ordering, stock monitoring and wastage restrictions that must be followed for LAIV.
- The second line inactivated influenza vaccine, to be offered if the child is not suitable for LAIV, is not centrally supplied and will follow the usual ordering and reimbursement process.
- Each vaccination will attract an item of service fee payment of £9.58.
- Pharmacy contractors must offer a variety of appointments on the National Booking Service and walk-in appointments.
- All staff involved in vaccination activity must have an enhanced DBS certificate.

Once pharmacy contractors have read the service specification and consider that they are able to provide the service, they must register on the NHSBSA's Manage Your Service (MYS) portal, which will open on 1 August 2025. Pharmacy contractors must register for the service before 23:59 on 31 August 2025 if they would like to receive vaccine by 1 October 2025.

Multi-pharmacy contractors are requested to discuss this service with their individual pharmacy leads before making any registrations on their behalf, even if that pharmacy has previously delivered the adult flu programme.

3. COVID-19 Vaccine Supply: Bank Holiday delivery changes - Monday 25 August 2025 – FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

There will be no deliveries on Monday 25 August 2025 due to the Bank Holiday. All deliveries for that week (25-29 August) will be completed from Tuesday to Friday instead.

Key dates for your orders:

August Bank Holiday - 25 August 2025	
Delivery Day	Exceptions Deadline
Tuesday 26-Aug	Wednesday 20-Aug
Wednesday 27-Aug	Thursday 21-Aug
Thursday 28-Aug	Friday 22-Aug
Friday 29-Aug	Tuesday 26-Aug

Before placing any order, check that your site has completed a stocktake on Site Stock Manager within the last 7 days. If you haven't done a recent stocktake, the system will block your order. Once you submit a new stocktake, allow up to 2 hours for the system to update before trying to order again.

If you need support with stocktakes or ordering, contact your [SVOC](#).

4. Reminder: Start Dates for AW25 Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccination Programmes FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION

Please see below a reminder of the official start dates for the Autumn/Winter 2025 (AW25) Influenza and COVID-19 vaccination programmes, particularly noting the differing start dates for specific cohorts.

As stated in the National Flu Immunisation Programme letter, flu vaccinations:

From 1 September 2025, vaccinations may begin **only** for:

- Pregnant women
- Children eligible for the immunisation programme (For school aged cohorts, vaccination in schools should be completed by 12 December 2025 with further catch-up opportunities as appropriate)

From 1 October 2025, vaccinations can commence for:

- All other adult flu cohorts and will run until the 31 March 2026. Although, we anticipate that most vaccinations will be completed by the end of November 2025 to provide the best possible protection going into winter.
- Community Pharmacies that sign up to the Childhood Seasonal Influenza Advanced Service Specification will be able to vaccinate 2/3-year-olds from the 1st of October 2025
- The COVID-19 vaccination programme will run from 1 October 2025 to 31 Jan 2026. However, most COVID-19 vaccinations for the eligible cohorts should be completed by 19 December 2025.

The start date for adult flu vaccinations aligns to COVID-19 vaccinations to support co-administration of flu and COVID-19 wherever possible and provide the best possible protection as we head in to winter.

To note, following clinical assessment there may be a very small number of adults who would benefit from vaccination from 1 September. For example, for those who are due to commence immunosuppressive treatment (such as chemotherapy), having a flu vaccine before they start treatment would allow them to make a better response to their vaccination. GPs should use clinical judgement to bring forward vaccination only in these very exceptional circumstances otherwise payment will not be made for adults vaccinated before October, in line with contractual arrangements.

5. Manage Your Appointments (MYA) – Upcoming Training Sessions and Access Information **FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION**

Manage Your Appointments (MYA) is the new appointment management system integrated with the National Booking Service (NBS), replacing Q-Flow. MYA enables members of the public to book vaccination appointments directly at your site.

Please note that from this point forward, **Q-Flow will no longer be accessible**, and all sites will transition to using MYA.

Access to MYA:

- All site users (both existing and new) will receive their MYA login details automatically **by 18 August 2025**. *Please only escalate if the email has not been received by the specified date, as users are being added in batches. The email will also include links to the relevant training sessions.*
- The calendar for sites to publish their availability will open on **18 August 2025**

We encourage you to join one of the upcoming [Training Webinars: Manage Your Appointments on NBS](#), running **from 29 July to 29 September**, which will cover:

- ✓ Site setup
- ✓ User management
- ✓ Creating and editing availability
- ✓ Managing bookings

To get the most out of these sessions, we recommend ensuring you have received your login credentials beforehand so you can follow the training in real time. Registration is required to join these sessions

Further Information:

For more details about the new NBS appointment system, please contact your ICB or visit the [Manage your Appointments on NBS - FutureNHS platform](#) (log-in required)

6. Latest Vaccination and Screening uploads to Futures – **FOR INFORMATION**

On behalf of the Vaccination and Screening Futures team.

Below are the [latest uploads](#) to the [V&S Futures workspace](#). Please share any relevant updates with your colleagues and team.

The workspace is used to share key guidance, data/reports, communications and shared learning across all vaccination and screening programmes. All NHS colleagues can access the workspace, although some content is restricted. For further guidance on permissions please see [here](#).

Programme	Title (and Link)	New or Update?	Access restrictions
COVID-19	Manage Your Appointments on NBS - New questions added	Updated version	No restrictions - all members can access
Flu Vaccinations	Shared Learning & Inequalities: Evidence Review - Frontline Staff Vaccine Uptake & Summary - Vaccine uptake review	New item	No restrictions - all members can access
Flu Vaccinations	Top Tips- Increasing health and social care worker vaccination uptake 2025.26	New item	No restrictions - all members can access
COVID-19	[EVENT] Manage Your Appointments on NBS Training Webinar	New item	No restrictions - all members can access